

City of Cambridge, MA Emergency Preparedness Tips

It is impossible to predict when emergencies are going to happen. Here are some tips to help prepare for potential emergencies in order to keep yourself, your family, and your business safe.

The City of Cambridge Emergency Management Division of Cambridge Fire Department works with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and other local organizations to ensure Cambridge is prepared for any and all emergencies. Both MEMA and FEMA provide helpful tips and instructions for how you can prepare for emergencies as well. See links below for more information and resources.

Being prepared for emergencies starts with a plan. A strong action plan includes key details:

- A meeting location (and a backup, in case your first option is unavailable)
- Emergency contacts outside of emergency area, and multiple methods of contacting them
- Signing up for emergency alerts
- Making an emergency kit
- Figuring out the best way to evacuate, and practicing it
- Designating safe rooms within your home, in case evacuation isn't safe
- Accommodation for any special access or functional needs
- A plan for pets or service animals

Prepare an Emergency Kit

To learn more about what to include in your emergency kit and how to make a plan, visit <https://www.mass.gov/be-prepared-for-emergencies>.

Safety Tips for Specific Threats & Hazards

Emergencies come in all shapes and sizes. In the City of Cambridge, fires, flooding, storms, and extreme temperatures are all potential hazards. To learn about how to prepare for specific incidents, visit <https://www.mass.gov/safety-tips-for-specific-threats-hazards>.

Protecting Your Business

Emergencies can threaten not only lives, but livelihoods. Economic and property damage can be difficult to overcome, so it's important to have a plan in place. To learn about how to prepare your business for emergencies, visit <https://www.fema.gov/protecting-your-businesses>.

Code Red Emergency Alerts

The City of Cambridge sends out emergency alerts through CodeRed. To register a free profile with the City of Cambridge, visit <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/F8C030CDD4FF>.

Register Your Profile in Advance of an Emergency with Smart 911

Additionally, the City of Cambridge partners with Smart911 to help provide the best possible response in emergency situations. Smart911 is a free service; once you register and create a profile, the information you entered will pop up on a 911 dispatcher's screen if you call 911. This way, if you have any health concerns, emergency contacts, pets, or other information that could be important in an emergency, the dispatcher can provide that information directly to first responders.

To create a profile, visit <https://www.smart911.com/>.